

Dear Participating Community,

We are moving with Household Hazardous Waste Day on October 17, 2020 from 8:00AM to 1:00PM. There are a number of changes this year to help manage the volume of waste and needed social distancing so please read this email carefully before advertising the event to your residents.

**Event Date: October 17, 2020**

**Event Time: 8:00AM to 1:00PM**

**New Requirements:**

- Online, preregistration is required. The preregistration process requires the participants to fill out the survey that we normally collect in person at the event. Upon completion of the survey the participant will be directed to an Eventbrite page to register (buy a ticket) for a timeslot.
- Each timeslot is one hour. There are five timeslots between 8:00AM and 1:00PM. This will allow 375 preregistered participants.
- Tickets for the event are **\$10.00 plus the Eventbrite fee of \$2.24.** We are currently limiting participation to 75 tickets per hour. (additional tickets can be made available)
- Participants will be emailed a ticket by Eventbrite and asked to show that ticket or conformation email to a volunteer at the event. The cost of the ticket replaces the voluntary donation from years past.
- Please ask residents not to attend if they are sick or may have been exposed to COVID19 in the last 10 days.

**Why All of the changes:**

1. We need to manage the cost of the event. Similar events around New England have experienced higher than usual volume of HHW in part due to high real estate turnover and in part due to “pandemic cleaning” of sheds and garages over the last 6 months.
2. Preregistration, including completion of the survey, should reduce the number of volunteers needed and support a socially distanced event. Participants are not going to leave their cars and volunteers will be masked and able to keep a safe distance back from participants. In addition, cash transactions will not take place\*\*

**Your role from here:**

Advertise: We need your help to advertise this event properly! **Please use the attached pdf in your communications with your residents.** It includes the registration link and information about the event. **Please emphasis the new requirements I have outlined above.**

\*\*Inevitably, when we implement new requirements some will not get the message. In the event an unregistered participant attends the event they will be handled on a case by case basis and only allowed to participate should there be capacity at the time they arrive. An additional fee will apply (\$15.00). The Town of Exeter, reserves the right refuse entry of any unregistered participants. So it is important that we emphasize the pre-registration requirement and survey.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions and thank you for your patience as we developed this event plan.

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